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In re application of

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Title: Generating Syngas for NOx
Regeneration Combined With Fuel
Cell Auxiliary Power Generation

Docket No.: C-3289HyS

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Examiner: Kelly E. Campbell

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AMENDMENT ACommissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This response should be accepted because the PTOL-326 did not inform the docket administrator of the two month shortened period or Ex parte Quayle.

This response is being filed more than two months after the last Office Action. However, the blank space in front of "MONTH(s)" on the PTOL-326 is filled in with a "3", indicating that the response is due in three months. Furthermore, under status, box No. 3 was not checked. Therefore, this application was docketed for response in three months from the Office Action, and was taken up in its normal course, in turn, by the undersigned attorney on the 16th day of March, which is two months and one day following the previous Office Action.

MPEP 710.02(b) states that a "reply to an Ex parte Quayle Office action.... should include an indication on the Office Action Summary Form PTOL-326 that prosecution on the merits is closed....A 2-month shortened statutory period for reply should be set." Therefore, this response should be accepted because of the misinformation on PTOL-326.

Please amend claims 1-4 in the above-identified application as follows: